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## RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT INCREASES TO 401,800 IN APRIL

Overall employment in Rhode Island increased in April as the result of a gain in total Manufacturing jobs, combined with seasonal hiring in the Trade, Services and Construction industries, reported Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 401,800 in April. This represents a gain of 2,700 over the March level of 399,100 and is 11,300 jobs greater than the year ago April total of 390,500.

### MANUFACTURING

Total Manufacturing employment increased by 700 in the March - April period. The current figure of 118,900 is 5,400 greater than the April 1983 level of 113,500. In the Durable Goods category, the April employment total of 80,800 was up 500 from the March level, and was 3,900 above the figure recorded one year ago in April. The current Nondurable Goods employment level of 38,100 was up by 200 jobs over the month, and was 1,500 greater than the April 1983 total of 36,600.

Within the Durable Goods sector, monthly gains of 100 each were recorded in Nonelectrical Machinery, Electrical Machinery, Transportation Equipment, Jewelry/Silverware, and Miscellaneous Manufacturing. The remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged from the previous month. Compared to last April, the largest increase was posted in Jewelry/Silverware (+1,800),

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## EMPLOYERS! CAN YOU PROVIDE A JOB FOR A TEENAGER THIS SUMMER?

**The 16th Annual Governor's Summer Jobs Council for youth 16 to 21 years of age is again being sponsored by the Department of Employment Security and the National Alliance of Business. The primary goal of the effort is to find temporary summer employment for students 16 - 21.**

**Mary C. Hackett, Employment Security Director, urges all Rhode Island employers to list their 1984 summer job openings with the DES Job Bank as soon as possible. Call the Job Bank at 277-3588 or toll-free Enterprise 2265. Last year's campaign resulted in over 1,100 jobs for young people in the private sector alone.**

**DES recruits young applicants through schools, community action programs, minority organizations and all local offices of the Rhode Island Job Service. Students are encouraged to visit their local Job Service office for registration and placement.**

**Employers are reminded that tax credits amounting to 85% of the first $3,000 in wages paid to certain young people are again available in 1984. The young worker must be 16-17 years of age, economically disadvantaged and a first-time employee of the firm or business. You must hire the teen between May 1 and September 15.**

**Job orders for summer workers and for permanent additions to your workforce can be placed with the Job Bank or by calling the nearest office of the Rhode Island Job Service. A listing appears on Page 2 of this Bulletin.**

## RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave . . . . 245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway . . . . . 277-3537
NEWPORT, 268 Bellevue Avenue. . . . . 847-2038
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St. . . . . 722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.
Employer Services . . . . . 277-3573
Jewelry . . . . . 277-3553
Manufacturing & Construction . . . . . 277-3556
Professional & Clerical . . . . . 277-3584
Temporary Help . . . . . 277-3559
NO. KINGSTOWN, 7734 Post Road . . . . . 294-9923
NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St. . . . . 231-5290
WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't. Center
Tower Hill Road . . . . . 789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road. . . . . 737-7550
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street. . . . . 596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St. . . . . 828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St. . . . . 762-9010

**OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

JOB BANK . . . . . 277-3588
or . . . . . Enterprise 2265
TJTC Information . . . . . 277-3726
TJTC Job Orders . . . . . 277-6950
Call-A-Teen . . . . . 277-2964

### EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

| | Apr. 1984 | Mar. 1984 | Apr. 1983 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Placements | 1,349 | 1,366 | 1,407 |
| New Applications | 3,391 | 3,868 | 3,526 |
| New Openings Rec'd. | 2,956 | 2,639 | 2,597 |

### EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

| | Apr. 1984 | Mar. 1984 | % Change Apr.1984 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Initial Claims | 9,141 | 7,697 | + 18.8 |
| No. of Payments | 54,943 | 70,068 | - 21.6 |
| Amt. of Payments | $ 6,023,636 | $ 7,916,576 | - 23.9 |
| Exhaustions | 1,499 | 1,585 | - 5.4 |

### FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION

Statistics for the Federal Supplemental Compensation Program, the cost of which is entirely Federally-financed, are presented below:

| | Apr. 1984 | Mar. 1984 | % Change Mar.1984 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Initial Claims | 1,338 | 1,621 | - 17.5 |
| No. of Payments | 11,208 | 11,486 | - 2.4 |
| Amount of Payments | $ 1,191,809 | $ 1,205,098 | - 1.1 |

### RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force — Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

| | Apr. 1984 | Mar. 1984 | Apr. 1983 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Civilian Labor Force | 479.6 | 476.9 | 477.7 |
| Unemployment | 31.8 | 34.0 | 43.2 |
| Rate (Unadjusted) | 6.6 | 7.1 | 9.0 |
| Seas. Adjusted Rate | 6.4 | 6.7 | 8.7 |

### PROVIDENCE-WARWICK-PAWTUCKET Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

| | Mar. 1984 | Feb. 1984 | Mar. 1983 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Civilian Labor Force | 469.0 | 468.4 | 466.9 |
| Unemployment | 34.1 | 37.2 | 47.7 |
| Rate (Unadjusted) | 7.3 | 7.9 | 10.2 |

### NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

| | Mar. 1984 | Feb. 1984 | Mar. 1983 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Civilian Labor Force | 36,430 | 36,085 | 34,525 |
| Unemployment | 2,045 | 2,295 | 2,335 |
| Rate (Unadjusted) | 5.6 | 6.4 | 6.8 |

### WESTERLY Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

| | Mar. 1984 | Feb. 1984 | Mar. 1983 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Civilian Labor Force | 14,440 | 14,670 | 14,575 |
| Unemployment | 975 | 1,285 | 1,265 |
| Rate (Unadjusted) | 6.8 | 8.8 | 8.7 |

### LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas by the U. S. Department of Labor. The classifications are effective through September 30, 1984. Establishments located in the following Rhode Island towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

**Bristol**
**Central Falls**
**East Providence**
**Johnston**
**New Shoreham**
**Pawtucket**
**Warren**
**West Warwick**
**Woonsocket**

## TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

| | EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS | | | NET CHANGE FROM | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Apr. 1984 | Mar. 1984 | Apr. 1983 | Mar. 1984 | Apr. 1983 |
| OTAL EMPLOYMENT* | 401.8 | 399.1 | 390.5 | + 2,700 | + 11,300 |
| ANUFACTURING | 118.9 | 118.2 | 113.5 | + 700 | + 5,400 |
| ONMANUFACTURING | 282.9 | 280.9 | 277.0 | + 2,000 | + 5,900 |
| CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION | 12.3 | 11.3 | 10.7 | + 1,000 | + 1,600 |
| TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES | 13.5 | 13.5 | 13.3 | - | + 200 |
| TRADE (Wholesale & Retail) | 83.6 | 83.2 | 81.2 | + 400 | + 2,400 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE | 21.5 | 21.5 | 21.3 | - | + 200 |
| SERVICE (Miscellaneous) | 94.6 | 93.9 | 92.7 | + 700 | + 1,900 |
| GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local) | 57.4 | 57.5 | 57.8 | - 100 | - 400 |

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.

## ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

| | EMPLOYMENT | | | | | PRODUCTION – WORKER AVERAGES | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | In Thousands | | | Net Change From | | Weekly Earnings | | Weekly Hours | | Hourly Earnings | |
| NDUSTRY GROUP | Apr. 1984 | Mar. 1984 | Apr. 1983 | Mar. 1984 | Apr. 1983 | Apr. 1984 | Apr. 1983 | Apr. 1984 | Apr. 1983 | Apr. 1984 | Apr. 1983 |
| LL MANUFACTURING | 118.9 | 118.2 | 113.5 | +700 | +5400 | 286.72 | 270.97 | 40.1 | 39.5 | 7.15 | 6.86 |
| URABLE GOODS | 80.8 | 80.3 | 76.9 | +500 | +3900 | 288.72 | 277.29 | 40.1 | 39.5 | 7.20 | 7.02 |
| UMBER/FURNITURE | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 0 | + 100 | 289.14 | 238.39 | 39.5 | 34.3 | 7.32 | 6.95 |
| TONE-CLAY-GLASS | 2.1 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 0 | + 200 | 380.37 | 394.20 | 41.3 | 43.8 | 9.21 | 9.00 |
| RIMARY METALS | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.2 | 0 | - 200 | 350.28 | 345.05 | 41.9 | 43.9 | 8.36 | 7.86 |
| ABRICATED METALS | 9.1 | 9.1 | 8.8 | 0 | + 300 | 256.08 | 240.03 | 38.8 | 38.1 | 6.60 | 6.30 |
| ONELECTRIC MACH. | 6.6* | 6.5* | 6.4* | +100 | + 200 | 394.11 | 352.23 | 43.5 | 39.8 | 9.06 | 8.85 |
| LECTRICAL MACHINERY | 11.4 | 11.3 | 11.1 | +100 | + 300 | 273.82 | 266.46 | 41.3 | 41.7 | 6.63 | 6.39 |
| RANSPORTATION EQUIP. | 9.3 | 9.2 | 8.7 | +100 | + 600 | 409.63 | 387.39 | 42.1 | 41.7 | 9.73 | 9.29 |
| NSTRUMENTS | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 0 | + 200 | 300.12 | 301.18 | 41.8 | 42.6 | 7.18 | 7.07 |
| EWELRY-SILVERWARE | 23.4 | 23.3 | 21.6 | +100 | +1800 | 209.66 | 204.75 | 38.4 | 37.5 | 5.46 | 5.46 |
| ISCELLANEOUS MFG. | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.0 | +100 | + 400 | 242.59 | 206.75 | 36.1 | 33.4 | 6.72 | 6.19 |
| ONDURABLE GOODS | 38.1 | 37.9 | 36.6 | +200 | +1500 | 281.30 | 266.26 | 39.9 | 39.6 | 7.05 | 6.61 |
| OOD-BEVERAGE | 3.2 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 0 | + 300 | 223.60 | 210.98 | 34.4 | 35.4 | 6.50 | 5.96 |
| EXTILES | 11.1 | 11.0 | 10.8 | +100 | + 300 | 262.70 | 247.94 | 41.5 | 41.6 | 6.33 | 5.96 |
| PPAREL | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 0 | + 200 | 229.52 | 218.10 | 39.1 | 39.8 | 5.87 | 5.48 |
| APER PRODUCTS | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 0 | 0 | 256.05 | 252.35 | 41.1 | 41.1 | 6.23 | 6.14 |
| RINTING-PUBLISHING | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 0 | + 100 | 397.32 | 350.80 | 38.5 | 37.2 | 10.32 | 9.43 |
| HEMICAL PRODUCTS | 3.2 | 3.1 | 2.9 | +100 | + 300 | 363.65 | 344.99 | 38.4 | 39.7 | 9.47 | 8.69 |
| UBBER PRODUCTS | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 0 | + 100 | 304.08 | 292.60 | 42.0 | 41.8 | 7.24 | 7.00 |
| LASTICS PRODUCTS | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 0 | + 100 | 299.62 | 266.27 | 41.1 | 39.1 | 7.29 | 6.81 |
| EATHER PRODUCTS | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 0 | + 100 | 184.09 | 181.83 | 41.0 | 38.2 | 4.49 | 4.76 |

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followed by Transportation Equipment (+600) and Miscellaneous Manufacturing (+400). Annual employment advances were also reported in Fabricated Metals and Electrical Machinery (+300 each), Stone-Clay-Glass, Nonelectrical Machinery, and Instruments (+200 each), and Lumber/Furniture (+100). The only annual Durable Goods employment decrease occurred in Primary Metals (-200).

In the Nondurable Goods producing category, monthly job increases were registered in Textiles and Chemical Products (+100 each). The remaining Nondurable Goods industries were unchanged from their March employment levels. Compared to April 1983, the largest gains were posted in Food-Beverage, Textiles, and Chemical Products (+300 each). Apparel added 200, while Printing-Publishing, Rubber Products, Plastics Products, and Leather Products each advanced by 100 jobs from one year ago. Paper Products employment remained unchanged from last April.

## NONMANUFACTURING

Employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing industries rose by 2,000 from March to April, due largely to seasonal hiring in Contract Construction, Services, and Wholesale and Retail Trade. The April Nonmanufacturing total of 282,900 is 5,900 jobs above the April 1983 level of 277,000.

Contract Construction posted the largest montnly increase in the Nonmanufacturing sector (+1,000), as it rose to a level of 12,300, which was up 1,600 over last April's total. Employment in the Services industries increased by 700 in April to 94;600, up 1,900 from one year ago. Wholesale and Retail Trade employment, at 83,600, showed a monthly increase of 400 and was 2,400 higher than in April 1983. Government experienced the only Nonmanufacturing job loss, declining 100 to a level of 57,400; this figure represents a decrease of 400 from one year ago. Both Transportation and Public Utilities, at 13,500, and Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, at 21,500, remained unchanged from the previous month, but both increased 200 from their April 1983 levels.

## HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 5 cents to $7.15 in April, and were up 29 cents compared to a year ago in April. The average work week increased by 0.3 hours in April to 40.1 hours. This was 0.6 of an hour greater than last April's work week. Average weekly earnings for these workers amounted to $286.72 in April. This represents a gain of $4.14 from last month and it is $15.75 more than was reported in April of last year.

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